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Western Native Trout Initiative

Re: Letter of support for an eDNA-based inventory of the Wenatchee River basin

The USFWS Mid-Columbia River Fishery Resource Office supports the project proposal by Wild Fish Conservancy to lead the eDNA-based assessment of bull trout distributions in the Wenatchee River basin. We are currently conducting snorkel surveys and PIT-tagging studies of bull trout in the basin and are willing to provide in-kind contribution in the form of collecting eDNA samples in the Little Wenatchee River, Icicle Creek, Ingalls Creek, Etienne Creek, and Peshastin Creek. Fish Biologists Mark Nelson and Jose Vazquez will be able to schedule our field activities to coordinate with the needs of the inventory in these areas. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

William Gale  
Deputy Project Leader